

REMARKS

Favorable review is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1 - 19 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 20 - 25 have been added and are supported, for example, at least at previous claims 7 - 10, 12, and 13 of the specification. No new matter has been added. Claims 20 - 25 are pending in the application.

Claim Objections

Claim 14 was objected to because of informalities. Claim 14 has been cancelled. Withdrawal of the objection is requested

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 - 6, 11, and 14 - 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Denton et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,971, 357). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, and respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following comments. Applicants do not concede the correctness of the rejection.

Claims 1 - 6, 11, and 14 - 18 have been cancelled. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Denton et al. (above). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, and respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following comments. Applicants do not concede the correctness of the rejection.

Claim 19 has been cancelled. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that claims 7 - 10, 12, and 13 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 20 - 25 correspond to claims 7 - 10, 12, and 13. Thus, Applicants believe claims 20 - 25 are allowable.

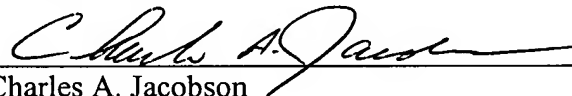
Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and comments, favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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